

Minutes

To: Administration and Technology Committee
From: Clare Kindall, Chairperson
Date: February 29, 2012
Subject: Administration and Technology Committee Meeting

In Attendance: Clare Kindall, Denise Hall, Leon Davidoff, Steve Adler, Ron Van Winkle, Essie Labrot, Carolyn Thornberry, Elly Brazell, Gary McBride

Also In Attendance: Members of the League of Women Voters

The Administration and Technology Committee met on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Voting Districts

The Committee Chair discussed the origin of the decision to reduce the number of voting districts. A map of the proposed change to the district boundaries was presented. It was proposed to reduce the number of districts from the present 20 to 9. The Committee agreed to recommend the reduction in the voting districts from 20 to 9, as per the map presented in the meeting. In addition, the Committee discussed the possibility of going to three districts in the future. The Committee's recommendation will be considered by the Town Council at their meeting on March 13th. It was estimated that the reduction to nine voting districts will save the town \$20,000 annually and it is expected to make the administration of the elections simpler. The Committee discussed the process for implementation of the new districts and how the voters will get the information about the new districts. It was suggested that the listserv, the web site, WHCTV, newspaper stories, and direct mailings all be considered for the dissemination of the information.

The next meeting of the A&T Committee on this topic will be on March 14th at 7:00 pm.

C: Town Council
Ron Van Winkle, Town Manager
Essie S. Labrot, Town Clerk
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Department Directors
Patricia Holloway, Director, Library Services
Karen List, Superintendent of Public Schools